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Lecturer Bargaining Update--Very Close to a New Contract

We made significant progress in negotiations during our first sessions back after the winter break. Our team delivered over 3000 petition signatures to UC at the bargaining table on January 28. By midnight on the 29th, we were very close to a deal. Big thanks to everyone who signed and circulated the petition. Check the bargaining blog for the most recent update from our chief negotiator, Ben Harder.

Updates for all bargaining sessions to date are posted on the [Lecturer Bargaining Blog](#).

UC-AFT Endorses Bernie Sanders for President

On January 23, at the statewide Council meeting, the UC-AFT Council voted to endorse Bernie Sanders for President of the United States. Bernie's higher education platform, including free college education, was an important factor in the unanimous vote for endorsement. [Check out Bob Samuels' blog post for more detail.](#)

UCLA Power Play--Academic Personnel Gets Weird with Lecturer PDF Committee

In an odd, unnecessary, and frankly, juvenile power play, the Office of Academic Personnel at UCLA is refusing to form this year's Professional Development Fund committee. The committee writes the call for proposals, reviews proposals, and grants awards of about \$70,000 per year to UCLA lecturers. [Per Article 9 of the Unit 18 MOU](#), the union, as always, has nominated qualified, dedicated lecturers to this important and honored post. AP has not objected to any of our nominees but still wants more to choose from. We say respect our nominees, respect our contract, and respect our right to peer reviewed professional development funding. [Please sign our petition urging EVC Goldberg to form the PDF committee post-haste.](#)

Building a Stronger Union –The Power of Working Together

Ever wonder what would be possible if everyone worked together toward a common goal? Now's your chance to find out! UC-AFT has a vision for a strong democratic union that runs on relatively small efforts from a lot of people. [Click here to find a way to join our efforts to build a strong, effective and resilient union.](#)

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